



Vytautas Magnus University

UNDERSTANDING OF KAUNAS CITY IDENTITY FROM HISTORY PERSPECTIVE

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A Few Historical Facts about Kaunas



- Settlement first mentioned by the chroniclers in 1361
- Vytautas the Great granted the Magdeburg rights in 1408
- The signing of Hansa agreement in 1441
- First school, public hospital, chemist shop opened in 16th century
- Napoleon's army crossed the Nemunas River in Kaunas in 1812
- Railway connecting Russia and Germany was built in 1862
- The opening of the first power plant in 1898
- The provisional capital of Lithuania in 1920 - 1940



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Kaunas'07

- Inhabitants 360.000
- Universities 7
- Colleges 5
- Students 53.000
- Unemployment 2,2%





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Kaunas Vision

Kaunas is a university town of science, knowledge economy and high technologies development in the Baltic Region, a centre of Eastern Europe transport and logistics, a major hub of the country's cultural life, the capital of sports, an active river port, and a part of Kaunas-Vilnius Dipolis.

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History of Vytautas Magnus University

- 1920 – Higher courses of Study were begun in Kaunas
- 1922 – Establishment of the University of Lithuania in Kaunas
- 1930 – The University was named Vytautas Magnus University
- 1950 – The University was re-organized into Kaunas Polytechnic Institute and the Kaunas Medical Institute
- 1989 – The act of re-establishment of Vytautas Magnus University





Facts and Figures

A brief outline of VMU

- 9000 students
- 550 teachers and researchers
- 70 study programmes
- 10 faculties and schools
- Situated in 15 buildings
- 11 million Euro budget

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Kaunas Municipality and VMU Cooperation Agreement

- **VMU will contribute to:**
 - Research of Kaunas past, organization of scientific conferences and publishing of *Kaunas Historical Chronicle*
 - Analysis of economical, social and cultural processes and problems
 - Research development of self-government and public administration issues
 - Facilitation of the development of city image
- **Kaunas Municipality will:**
 - Co-fund *Kaunas Historical Chronicle*
 - Accept internship students to Kaunas Municipality
 - Supply with data for economical, social and cultural process research
 - Develop the University's facilities

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Kaunas Historical Research

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- Annual scientific conferences of Kaunas history since 1997
- Kaunas historical chronicle since 1998
- Maestro Viktoras Kuprevičius scholarship for the best graduate thesis about Kaunas history during 1918-1940
- INTERREG IIIB “Baltic Fort Route”, Kaunas Fortress Association
- Kaunas Historian’s Society
- War Historian’s Network of Central Europe



VMU Research for Democracy Development

- Kaunas Municipality and Communities' partnership
- Possibilities of the development of Communities' social services
- NGO's development in Kaunas
- Administration of Environmental protection and the Green movement
- Integration of immigrants



VMU Research for Community



**Framework
Programme**



Society and Lifestyles: Towards Enhancing Social Harmonisation through Knowledge of Subcultural Communities



Service-Learning: Dialogue between Universities and Communities



Education and Culture

Leonardo da Vinci

Reference material



VMU Research for Social and Gender Equality

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Modern Gents in Enlarged Europe



Open and Safe at Work. GLB Equality



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KAUNAS for business and human

KAUNAS 2007

4 - 5 May, 2007
Ausros str. 42 D, Kaunas

Kaunas Image and Business Perspectives

Today's Mythology of Kaunas
Prof. Egidijus Aleksandravičius



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Student Activities



Support Organ
Donation



Sparnai

Student monthly paper of the School
of Political Science and Diplomacy



Student Public Activities

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VDU pavasario festivalis'07

Gegužės 9 – 12 dienomis



VMU Spring Festival'07, May 9-12



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